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that a natural fire regime is acceptable where fire was a significant environmental influence on vegetation and, where natural fires cannot be tolerated, employ prescribed and controlled burning to replace the natural fire regime. (Motion was seconded by Mr. John W. McKean of Oregon.)

MR. KELLEY: You have heard the rewritten Resolution Number 12. It's been moved for passage and seconded by John McKean. All in favor say Aye. All opposed, the same sign. Thank you, gentlemen.

CHARLES D. KELLEY  
Chairman

Resolutions as finally passed:

### Resolutions Adopted

1. Leg-Hold or Steel Jaw Traps
2. Fund For Endangered Wildlife
3. Improving Delineation and Management of Flood Plains
4. Outdoor Recreation and Local Economies
5. Intervention in the Arkansas Cache River Case
6. Land Use Planning
7. Establishment of an Optimum Instead of a Maximum Yield Concept in Fisheries Management
8. Funds for Water Bank Program
9. Establishing Advisory Conservation Committees and Funding for Agriculture-Wildlife Programs
10. Implementation of Recommendations on Conservation and Enhancement of Fish And Wildlife in the National Water Resources Program
11. Improved Management and Funding for Fish and Wildlife on National Forests
12. Use of Fire in Maintaining Biotic Communities
13. Release of Authorized Pollution Abatement Funds
14. Use of Aircraft by Conservation Agencies
15. Alaskan Pipeline
16. Federal Assistance for Wildlife Inventories by State Agencies
17. Handgun Control
18. U.S. Forest Service Wilderness Administration
19. Strengthening Department of the Interior's Wetland Acquisition Program
20. Classification of Threatened and Endangered Species
21. Climate Manipulation
22. Federal Relocation Act
23. Federal Water Project Recreation Act
24. Fish and Wildlife Management and Public Access on Military Installations
25. Administering Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson Funds
26. Use of Cooling Towers in Lieu of Cooling Lakes
27. Environmental Quality Standards
28. Appreciation for Florida's Hospitality and Excellent Program
29. Funding for the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study
30. National Grizzly Bear Research
31. International Waterfowl Management Symposium

### Resolution 1

#### LEG-HOLD OR STEEL JAW TRAPS

WHEREAS, S. 1637 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to promulgate regulations concerning the methods and means of trapping resident wildlife; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 4712 allows the Secretary of Commerce to indirectly regulate

trapping methods within a state by prohibiting interstate shipments of fur and leather; and

**WHEREAS**, the states have judiciously protected, managed, and enhanced fish and wildlife through scientifically oriented programs administered by state fish and wildlife agencies and federal intervention is not necessary, appropriate or desirable in management of resident wildlife;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners opposes H.R. 4712 and S. 1637 and urges Congress to resist attempts to preempt state authority and to adopt legislation that will clearly define the states' authority to manage fish and resident wildlife.

## **Resolution 2**

### **FUND FOR ENDANGERED WILDLIFE**

**WHEREAS**, H.R. 1272, introduced in the 93rd Congress January 3, 1973, required purchase of a \$3.50 Federal stamp prior to hunting, fishing, or trapping on Federal lands, such monies to be used for endangered wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, the hunter and angler already carry the burden in financing fish and wildlife programs through license fees and excise taxes which benefit all wildlife including endangered species; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners opposes any legislation to require a Federal fee for hunting, fishing, or trapping on Federal lands.

## **Resolution 3**

### **IMPROVING DELINEATION AND MANAGEMENT OF FLOOD PLAINS**

**WHEREAS**, the flood plains of stream systems are subject to flooding periodically; and

**WHEREAS**, human activities in flood plains must be compatible with the frequency, extent, and duration of flooding to minimize risks to property and life, to assist in maintaining and enhancing water quality, to avoid unnecessary taxpayer expense in alleviating private and public damages and losses following floods, and to maintain productive and valuable habitat for fish and wildlife,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges immediate implementation of the recommendations of the National Water Commission and the U.S. Water Resources Council calling for improved management of flood plains, which includes:

1. Utilizing fully the expertise, facilities and information of the various Federal and state resource agencies to inventory and map, to at least the 100-year flood frequency, the Nation's flood plains; and
2. Establishing immediately in each state guidelines for maintaining and developing flood plains that are both ecologically and economically sound and administered through coordinated approaches among the local, state and federal governments.

## **Resolution 4**

### **OUTDOOR RECREATION AND LOCAL ECONOMIES**

**WHEREAS**, there has been an annual increase of 5 to 10 percent in the number of outdoor recreationists, a trend that is likely to continue; and

**WHEREAS**, recreational demands now exceed the supply of recreation areas for